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contd. accidental switching on, or switching on caused, for example, by vibration, and hence prevents any hazard to the operator.

On page 12, in line 1, please delete the heading "Patent Claims" and insert the following new heading: --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The switching rocker as claimed in claim 1, wherein the optical indication (35) is arranged behind a transparent window (33).

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[Please amend claim 4 as follows:]

4. (Amended) The switching rocker as claimed in claim 1, wherein the switching rocker (30) is at least partially composed of transparent material, with the optical indication (35) being arranged behind the transparent material.

[Please amend claim 5 as follows:]

5. (Amended) The switching rocker as claimed in claim 1, wherein the indication (35) is arranged in the vicinity of an operating grip (31) on the switching rocker (30).

[Please amend claim 6 as follows:]

6. (Amended) The switching rocker as claimed in claim 1, wherein the indication (35) is arranged on one side which faces the switched-off position of the switching rocker (30) of a grip part (31) thereof, such that it is covered by parts of the housing (2) when the switching rocker (30) is in the switched-off position, and can be seen when the switching rocker (30) is in the switched-on position.

[Please amend claim 7 as follows:]

7. (Amended) The switching rocker as claimed in claim 1, wherein the switching rocker (30) has apparatuses (50, 51 52) for a monitoring circuit.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) The switching rocker as claimed in claim 7, wherein the apparatuses (50, 51, 52) for the monitoring circuit are arranged in an inner area (32) of the switching rocker (30).

[Please amend claim 10 as follows:]

10. (Amended) The switching rocker as claimed in claim 9, wherein the inner area (32) is essentially intrinsically closed, with the exception of contact openings (56, 57) for the contact elements (50, 52).

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) The fused switch unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the housing (2) further has at least one contact apparatus (53), which makes contact with at least one contact element (52), which is arranged in the switching rocker (30) or in the fuse plug (10), when the switching rocker (30) is in a switched-on position, so that the monitoring circuit is closed, and does not make contact with the at least one contact element (52) when the switching rocker (30) is in a switched-off position, so that the monitoring circuit is interrupted.

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